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AMENDMENT "A" PRIOR TO ACTION

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INVENTION: AUTHENTICATION OF KEY DEVICES

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Sir:

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Applicants amend the above-identified PCT application as follows, and
request entry of the Amendment prior to examination in the United States National
Examination Phase.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At the top of each page, please delete "GR 98 P 1347".

On page 1:

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delete lines 1-6 and insert the following:

◆A METHOD FOR AUTHENTICATION OF KEY DEVICES

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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The invention relates to a method for authenticating key devices using an
asymmetric encryption method in which each key device is assigned a device
specific certificate.◆

line 13, delete ", in general,";

line 17, delete ",";

line 19, delete ","; and

line 23, delete ",".

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On page 2:

line 2, replace "literature" with --above-mentioned--;

line 3, delete "mentioned initially";